

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 28

2 49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE AGING AND LONG-TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO  
12 CONDUCT A STUDY ON HOW TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT ELDER ABUSE  
13 AND HOW TO AVOID IT.

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15 WHEREAS, there is a wide scope of elder abuse ranging from  
16 physical to emotional, sexual and financial; and

17 WHEREAS, a report commissioned by former New Mexico  
18 Representative Tom Udall found that over eighty percent of the  
19 nursing homes in New Mexico violated federal health and safety  
20 standards during state inspections; and

21 WHEREAS, almost twenty percent of these homes had a  
22 violation that caused actual harm to residents or placed them  
23 at risk of death or serious injury;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the aging and long-term services

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1 department be requested to conduct a study on how to inform the  
2 public about elder abuse and how to avoid it; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to the secretary of aging and long-term services.

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